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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SVALBARD SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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- 1. E-SYSTEMS CONTACTED MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC WITH SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT PROJECT. REF A STATES BIDS EXPECTED EARLY 1978 BUT FIRM HAS HEARD THAT SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OUT AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER. CAN EMBASSY VERIFY?
- 2. INDUSTRY UNDERSTANDS THERE MAY BE SOME NORWEGIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH MITSUBISHI EQUIPMENT ALREADY INSTALLED, FACTOR WHICH COULD WORK TO JAPANESE DISADVANTAGE ON SVALBARD PROJECT. HAS EMBASSY HEARD OF ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS WITH JAPANESE EQUIPMENT? INDUSTRY ALSO REPORTS THAT NERA A/S APPEARS TO BE TOUGHEST COMPETITOR, SINCE IT IS DOMESTIC FIRM AND HAS CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING QUALITY SYSTEM. WOULD EMBASSY AGREE?

3. FINALLY, BECAUSE NORWAY SO FAR NORTH, ANGLE OF ANTENNA ON GROUND STATION IS EXTREME, ALMOST POINTING INTO GROUND.

HAS NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION PERFORMED ANY STUDIES ON UNIQUE DEMANDS OF SUCH SYSTEM? ARE ANY AVAILABLE?

4. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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